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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1970

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H. R. Morrison, Mb. Ch.B., D.P.H.

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H. Templeman, C.S.I.B., Cert. (Meat and other Foods).

Deputy Surveyor and
Additional Public Health Inspector :
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Additional Public Health Inspector :
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(*appointed July*, 1970).

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1970. The report follows the same lines as previous reports.

The state of the health of the district is satisfactory. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 18·9, higher than that for England and Wales (16·0). Infant Mortality rate. (Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) 6, lower than that for England and Wales (18) ; General Death Rate (Adjusted) 9·6, lower than that for England and Wales (11·7). There were no maternal deaths and two still-births.

There were 157 cases of measles notified. Immunisation against measles is available. It is hoped that parent of children will avail themselves of this. It is recommended that children should be immunised against measles at the age of 14 months. This can be done by the General Practitioner or at the Child Health Clinics.

Other infectious diseases included one case of tuberculosis, showing that we must still be vigilant regarding this disease which is fortunately readily treated in the early stages. There were 13 cases of Infective Jaundice, a disease mainly of children. The control is difficult and depends mainly on good hygiene. There is no immunisation procedure available.

The water supply authority for the district in the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

I was appointed Medical Officer of Health, following the retirement on medical grounds of Dr. Diggles, on 1-4-70. I would like to convey my thanks to Mr. Templeman and his staff for their assistance and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. MORRISON.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(*a*) General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1970)	10,040
Population (1951 census)	8,484
Population (1961 census)	8,610
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	2,458
Number of inhabited houses (1970)	3,890
Rateable value of district (April, 1971) ..	£304,685
Product of 1p. Rate (31st March, 1971) ..	£2,940

(*b*) Vital Statistics (As supplied by Registrar General).

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
LIVE BIRTHS ..	91	83	8	85	82	3
STILL BIRTHS ..	1	1	—	1	1	—
INFANT DEATHS—						
Under 1 year ..	1	1	—	—	—	—
Under 4 weeks ..	1	1	—	—	—	—
Under 1 week ..	1	1	—	—	—	—

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostrate	1	—	1
,, ,, Lung, Bronchus ..	2	1	3
,, ,, Breast	—	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	2	3	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	—	1	1
,, ,, Intestine	3	—	3
,, ,, Uterus	—	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	10	26
Other forms of Heart Disease	6	1	7
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitus and Emphysema	4	1	5
Influenza	2	—	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ..	—	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	—	1
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	10	17
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..	3	3	6
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality ..	1	—	1
All other accidents	3	—	3
Appendicitis	1	—	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	1	1
	57	41	98

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under the 1951 Amendment of Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratories Facilities.

Laboratories facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The Staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Home Help Service.

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Additional details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

Housing

31 bungalows and flats were completed at Romanby.

Work commenced on 14 bungalows and flats at Brompton and on 4 houses and 4 bungalows at East Cowton.

Of the unfit houses in the district, 5 were either demolished, closed or converted to uses other than housing.

Details of houses improved are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.
PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	—	1
Measles	83	74	157
Infective Jaundice	3	10	13
Acute Encephalitis	1	—	1

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1970.

General Sanitary Work.

470 inspections and 452 reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 217 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon.

5 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1970.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	470
Inspection of Council Houses	726
Tents, Vans and Sheds	29
Verminous Premises	0
Total Inspections of Housing Conditions	1,225
Private Slaughterhouses	205
Bakehouses	5
Milk Retailers	1
Ice Cream Sellers	9
Fried Fish Shops	6
Food Preparing Rooms	6
Food Premises	33
Total Inspections with regard to Food	265

Investigations of Complaints	489
Drain Tests	201
Rat Inspections	763
Factories and Workshops	16
Water Supplies	15
Water Samples (Bact.)	9
,, (Chem.)	0
Rivers and Streams	25
Building Construction Inspections	701
Sewage Works Inspections	397
Refuse Tip Inspections	147
Total of other Inspections	2,763
Grand total of Inspections	4,253

Summary of Sanitary Improvements. 1970.

Repairs to Roofs	33
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc.	35
,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	29
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens	19
,, ,, Windows and Doors	17
,, ,, Floors	25
,, ,, Staircases	13
,, ,, Yard Surfaces	12
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains	72
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses	2
Damp conditions remedied	31
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned	1

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved	6
Burst pipes and taps repaired	2
Internal supplies provided	3

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed	23
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished	27
New Water Closets provided	27
Dust Bins provided and renewed	3

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleaned			264
New sinks provided			63
Systems improved			51
Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied—Council		30	
Private		110	
		—	140
Water Courses cleaned			9
New Septic Tanks			11

Shops and Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	2
Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Cleansed and Decorated	2
Towels provided	1
Hot Water	1

Factories.

W.C.'s repaired	1
Wall, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments repaired cleansed and painted	1
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments cleansed only	0
New Lighting (to closets)	0

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	3
TOTAL	929

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	24	16	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	24	16	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) ..					
(*a*) insufficient ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(*c*) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ..	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

Outworkers.

There are two outworkers within the District.

Factories with power.

Year 1970.

Ainderby Steeple	2
Borrowby	1
Brompton	2
Deighton	1
East Cowton	3
Hutton Bonville	1
Great Smeaton	1
Morton-on-Swale	1
Osmotherley	3
Romanby	9
	24

Trades.

Builders	15
Bakers	3
Motor Repair Shops	12
Blacksmiths	2
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers ..	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	3
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	2
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
Vehicle Dismantlers	1
Cattle Marts	1
Vegetable Pre-packer	1
	54

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Hereunder is reproduced details of the annual report to be submitted under Section 60 of the Act.

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	—	7	5
Retail shops	—	13	10
Wholesale shops, warehouses ..	—	3	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	—	7	4
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	30	20

TABLE B

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

35

TABLE C

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	42
Retail shops	29
Wholesale departments, warehouses ..	22
Catering establishments open to the public	8
Canteens	1
Fuel storage depots	—
Total	102
Total Males ..	58
Total Females ..	44

TABLE D—EXEMPTIONS

Class of premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of cases in cols. (3) and (4) where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption	
					No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part I—Space (Sec. 5 (2))						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part II—Temperature (Sec. 6)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

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					No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
Part III—Sanitary Conveniencies (Sec. 9)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						
Part IV—Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)						
Offices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Retail shops						
Wholesale shops, warehouses						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..						
Fuel storage depots ..						

TABLE E

PROSECUTIONS—Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
	Nil	Nil	Nil

No. of complaints (or summary applications) made under section 22—Nil
No. of interim orders granted—Nil

TABLE F

INSPECTORS

No of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act—3

No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act .. .. .. Nil

Housing and New Buildings

701 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and buildings under construction.

The Building Regulations and the duties associated therewith continue to demand a great deal of your officers' time.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to 1970	Completed during 1970	Under Construction at end of 1970
Ainderby Steeple ..	9	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	12	1	3
Birkby	4	–	–
Brompton	121	–	–
Borrowby	15	1	5
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Crosby	1	–	–
Danby Wiske	2	–	1
Deighton	9	–	–
Ellerbeck	1	–	–
East Harlsey	4	–	–
East Cowton	50	14	6
South Cowton ..	5	–	–
Hornby	3	–	–
Hutton Bonville ..	9	–	1
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Little Langton ..	1	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	9	1	–
Kirby Sigston ..	7	–	–
Kiplin	1	1	–
Lazenby	3	–	–
Leake	2	–	–
Osmotherley	22	2	2
Over Silton	1	–	1
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	17	–	12
Romanby	765	79	81
Thornton-le-Beans ..	24	–	8
Thrintoft	5	1	–
Warlaby	4	–	–
Welbury	28	17	7
West Harlsey	3	–	–
West Rounton ..	11	–	–
Whitwell	2	–	–
Winton	1	–	–
Total	1,159	117	127

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Parish	Total number of Council Houses December, 1970	Completed during 1970	Under Construction at end of 1970
Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske ..	38	–	–
Borrowby	14	–	–
Brompton	139	–	14
Danby Wiske	8	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	11	–	8
East Harlsey	2	–	–
Ellerbeck	4	–	–
Great Langton ..	4	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	6	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston ..	2	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	6	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	41	–	–
Romanby	235	16	–
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Thrintoft	8	–	–
Welbury	2	–	–
Yafforth	4	–	–
	536	16	22

PLANS ANALYSIS. PLANS. 280 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds Greenhouses Caravans etc.	Miscel-laneous	Agricultural Buildings	Bathrooms & W.C.'s etc.	Total
Ainderby Steeple ..	—	2	3	1	1	—	—	7
Appleton Wiske ..	5	11	6	3	1	—	1	27
Birkby ..	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
Borrowby ..	—	5	5	2	—	—	4	16
Brompton ..	3	2	14	20	11	—	4	54
Cotcliffe ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Crosby ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Cowton, East ..	3	10	4	1	1	1	1	21
Danby Wiske ..	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	7
Deighton ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Ellerbeck ..	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3
Harlsey, East ..	2	—	3	—	—	1	1	7
Hornby ..	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	4
Hutton Bonville ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Kiplin ..	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3
Kirby Sigston ..	1	3	1	1	1	1	—	8
Langton, Great ..	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Langton, Little ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	3
Leak ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Morton-upon-Swale ..	1	3	2	3	1	—	—	10
Osmotherley ..	2	4	9	4	2	—	1	22
Romanby ..	9	16	19	53	8	—	1	106
Rounton, West ..	2	1	—	1	—	1	1	6
Smeaton, Great ..	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	5
Smeaton, Little ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Silton, Nether ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Silton, Over ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Thrintoft ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Thornton-le-Beans ..	4	5	3	2	3	1	—	18
Warlaby ..	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3
Welbury ..	1	11	4	3	3	—	—	22
Whitwell ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Winton ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Yafforth ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
TOTAL ..	38	86	89	101	37	10	15	376

HOUSING ACTS.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during quarter	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Unfit Houses closed	Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(8) Under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 .. and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	5	11	4
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	53	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Section 9 and 16 Housing Acts, 1957	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of quarter		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) under Section 48 ..	Nil	Nil
(*b*) under Section 17 (2) ..	Nil	Nil
(*c*) under Section 46 ..	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year ..	Nil	Nil

Housing Acts. Improvement Grants

Under the 1969 Housing Act, which increased the maximum Discretionary Grant to £1,000 and the Standard Grant to £200, 31 Discretionary Grants were approved amounting to an estimated value of £20,771 and 29 Standard Grants amounting to an estimated value of £4,017. Three quarters of the money spent of these grants is made available by the Treasury and the remaining quarter out of the local Rate Fund.

The Council are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and support in grant aiding house improvements and it is interesting to note that over the past 16 years some 555 Discretionary Grants to the total value of £169,026 and 273 Standard Grants to the total value of £26,726. Bearing in mind that these figures represent half of the cost of improvements, over £391,000 worth of improvements have been carried out excluding the cost of necessary and incidental repairs.

Qualification Certificates

The Housing Act, 1969 also introduced Qualification Certificates which enable a landlord to apply to a local authority for a Certificate stating that the house is in a satisfactory state of repair and provided with all the amenities. The issue of such a Certificate enables the landlord to approach the Rent Officer with a view to having rent decontrolled and hence increased.

Applications received	4
Granted	1
Certificates of Provisional Approval—	
Applications Received	1
Granted	1

Streams and Watercourses

Streams have been cleansed at Morton-on-Swale, Thrintoft, and Thornton-le-Beans.

For some years I have referred to the pollution of streams by untreated sewage from villages and farm wastes, and it is a matter for gratification that in the very near future all villages will have modern sewage disposal schemes. It would be over-optimistic to assume, however, that our streams and watercourses would continue to be unthreatened by pollution. The economics of the agricultural industry may dictate a growing intensification with consequent heavy disposals and it is a problem which cannot be ignored.

Improvements to the surface water drainage systems at East Cowton and Morton-on-Swale have been carried out by the County Council with financial assistance from this Council.

Rodent Control.

In exercise of their responsibilities under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Council employ a full-time operator.

Dwelling houses may receive a free service for the eradication of rats and mice, but not farms and business premises. The services of the operator are available to farmers, etc., on either a contract or casual basis.

During 1970, 12 months contracts were secured in respect of 60 farms. The total value of the contracts was £453 17s. 0d. The highest contract was £18 18s., and the lowest £3 : the average contract figure being £7 8s. 11d.

The following table shows particulars of work carried out :—

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Annual Report on Rats and Mice

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Year ended 31st December, 1970

Northallerton R.D.C.

Yorkshire (North Riding)

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property: Non-Agricultutal	Type of Property: Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district ..	3,346	619
2. *a* Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	168	11
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	29	3
(ii) Mice	74	3
3. *a* Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	72	637
b Number infested by—		
(i) Rats	17	308
(ii) Mice	23	19

Sewers

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year ? YES

Water Supplies.

Piped water is supplied throughout the area by the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. The water is pressure-filtered, chlorinated, and is of a high degree of purity.

1. (*a*) Throughout the year the water supply for the area was satisfactory both in quality and in quantity ; the latter only so far as essential use is concerned.

(*b*) Any contamination of the supply was dealt with by extra chlorination and flushing of the mains.

(*c*) The following Table shows details of houses supplied with water throughout the area :—

Parish	Total Domestic Properties	Houses supplied by		Private piped supply in houses or metered Cottage—Estimated (3)	Population	
		R.V. (1)	Meter (2)		Direct	Stand Pipe
Ainderby Steeple ..	85	78	6	—	247	—
Appleton Wiske ..	137	103	26	5	347	—
Birkby ..	16	6	6	1	48	—
Borrowby ..	126	95	24	4	312	—
Brompton ..	663	604	57	—	1,697	—
Cotcliffe ..	2	—	—	—	—	—
Crosby ..	8	1	5	—	17	—
Cowton, East ..	162	127	24	3	471	—
Cowton, South ..	49	26	12	4	125	—
Danby Wiske ..	73	41	23	1	230	—
Deighton ..	32	14	16	1	108	—
Ellerbeck ..	17	10	7	—	54	—
Harlsey, East ..	89	59	16	11	241	—
Harlsey, West ..	17	6	17	2	60	—
Hornby ..	60	34	21	2	183	—
Hutton Bonville ..	27	10	10	2	130	—
Kiplin ..	26	17	5	2	69	—
Kirby Sigston ..	27	12	10	—	43	—
Langton, Great ..	28	22	5	—	70	—
Langton, Little ..	21	6	2	9	72	—
Landmoth-cum-Catto ..	6	—	4	—	12	—
Lazenby ..	15	9	3	—	42	—
Leake ..	2	—	—	1	7	—
Morton-on-Swale ..	82	66	9	4	243	—
Otterington, North ..	14	3	3	8	38	—
Osmotherley ..	286	265	12	7	589	—
Romanby ..	1,338	1,303	35	—	3,221	—
Rounton, West ..	56	37	16	3	165	—
Smeaton, Great ..	61	46	8	3	176	—
Smeaton, Little ..	16	4	9	2	54	—
Silton, Nether ..	40	27	2	7	161	—
Silton, Over ..	14	7	3	3	37	—
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	14	3	9	2	45	—
Thrintoft ..	35	25	8	1	109	—
Thimbleby ..	24	11	8	2	28	—
Thornton-le-Beans ..	74	34	13	9	220	—
Warlaby ..	14	9	3	—	36	—
Welbury ..	86	58	22	3	247	—
Whitwell ..	11	2	2	5	37	—
Winton ..	16	3	11	1	47	—
Yafforth ..	45	28	11	3	102	—
	3,914	3,211	483	111	10,140	—
		483				
		111				
		3,805				

(*d*) The fluoride content of the water is not known.

2. (*a*) The Board's Officers submitted 127 samples for bacteriological examination during the year, 7 samples had readings and 48 samples were taken of raw water. (In addition, your own officers took 9 samples during the year of which 2 proved satisfactory and 7 proved unsatisfactory).
22 chemical analysis was made during the year and proved satisfactory.

(*b*) The raw water is liable to have plumbo-solvent action, but lime treatment is applied at the Osmotherley plant.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Council's Refuse Collection Service continues as follows :— a Shelvoke and Drewery 35 cubic yard Powerpress Fore and Aft Tipper (5 men crew), Shelvoke and Drewery Fore and Aft Tipper 18 cubic yards (5 men crew) and Karrier K.C. 3 Side Loader (2 men crew).

The side loader is used two days per week to collect from the more remote parts of the area and from farms.

The weekly collection of bins and pans is made from almost every property in the rural area and all refuse is tipped at the Council's central tip in Yafforth Road.

The following Tables show particulars of the service during the year.

Refuse Collection

PAJ 588G (Fore and Aft) Power Press.

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Appleton Wiske ..	7,594	50	
Brompton ..	17,208	—	
Cowton, East ..	4,964	81	
Danby Wiske ..	256	28	Total hours worked by crew 2172½.
Deighton ..	1,305	5	
Harlsey, East ..	3,294	69	
Hornby ..	1,260	43	Total number of loads 567
Hutton Bonville ..	1,059	1	
Osmotherley ..	17,291	39	
Romanby ..	30,046	—	Total mileage 7,621.
Rounton, West ..	1,600	158	
Smeaton, Great ..	4,163	24	
Welbury ..	3,491	93	
Yafforth ..	128	8	
	93,659	599	

TPY 152 (Fore and Aft).

Parish	Emptied		
	Bins	Pans	
Ainderby Steeple ..	4,240	230	
Borrowby ..	5,420	450	
Brompton ..	9,700	—	
Crosby ..	675	—	
Kiplin ..	860	—	
Langton, Great ..	1,140	197	
Langton, Little ..	941	5	Total Hours worked by crew 2045.
Morton-on-Swale ..	4,460	225	
Otterington, North ..	665	—	
Silton, Nether ..	1,175	235	Total number of loads 554.
Silton, Over ..	860	235	
Thrintoft ..	1,845	20	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2,805	225	Total Mileage 6,117.
Warlaby ..	686	—	
Romanby ..	35,833	—	
Whitwell ..	450	—	
Cowton, South ..	620	—	
Danby Wiske ..	270	—	
Yafforth ..	40	5	
	72,685	1,827	

32 APY (Side Loader).

Parish	Emptied			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Appleton Wiske ..	50	2	2	
Brompton ..	520	8	1	
Cowton, East ..	78	2	2	
Cowton, South ..	—	—	2	Total Hours worked by crew 780.
Danby Wiske ..	2,324	106	5	
Ellerbeck ..	244	19	1	
Harlsey, West ..	1,362	73	2	
Hornby ..	26	—	2	Total number of loads 128.
Hutton Bonville ..	465	55	1	
Kirby Sigston ..	609	73	4	
Osmotherley ..	70	—	—	Total Mileage 2,654
Romanby ..	110	—	—	
Rounton, West ..	60	5	—	
Smeaton, Great ..	146	2	4	
Thimbleby ..	822	70	3	
Yafforth ..	1,287	87	5	
	8,173	502	34	

Total	Hours	9,528½
,,	Loads	1,207½
,,	Mileage	18,769

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

The following is a list of food premises in the District :—

General Provisions	29
Confectioners	4
Butchers	6
Bakers	3
Greengrocers	1
Cafes	3
Fried Fish Shops	2
Dried Milk Factory	1
Cold Store	1
Vegetable Pre-packing Plant ..	1
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Premises registered for the sale of ice cream :—

General Provisions	17
Confectioners	4
Cafes	3
	24

All the above premises comply with Regulation 16 (Provision of wash basin and H. & C. water supply).

All the above premises with the exception of 3 confectioners and the cold store, which are exempt, comply with Section 19 (Provision for washing food and equipment).

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

37 inspections were made and conditions generally were found to be good. 8 informal notice were served and complied with by the proprietors.

There are 34 inns or public houses within the area and the majority of these have now been brought up to the necessary standard.

There are no poultry processing premises in the District.

Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspections.

There are 2 private slaughterhouses situate at :—

Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton

In accordance with the Meat Regulations 1963 the Council levy Meat Inspection charges as follows :—

2/6d. per beast.
9d. per pig.
6d. per sheep.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part for Year ending 1970.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed ..	396	Nil	Nil	1,117	303	Nil
Number inspected ..	396	Nil	Nil	1,117	303	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcase condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	3·96%	Nil	Nil	Nil	1·7%	Nil
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentages of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticerci						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 1 cwt. 107 lbs. In addition 30 tins of food (mainly corned beef) were condemned—principally at the Cold Store, Romanby—the total weight being 61 lbs.

The Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969 (came into force in November, 1969), and these replace previous legislation and require all unfit meat to be sterilized before removal from the slaughterhouse. The only exemption from these Regulations is for unfit meat in transit to a processor or zoo etc., and it must be in locked containers bearing the words—"MEAT UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION" or similar.

A 100% meat inspection service is carried out by your officers and the slaughter-houses are maintained very satisfactorily.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year, the Borrowby sewerage and sewage disposal scheme was completed and construction work was proceeding on the Great Smeaton scheme.

General preliminary work continued in connection with the preparation of schemes for the undermentioned Parishes :—

Danby Wiske

Deighton

Harlsey, East

Hornby

Langton, Great

Rounton, West

Silton, Over

Thimbleby

Thornton-le-Beans

Welbury

Yafforth.

Settling tanks in villages were cleared out on 36 occasions ; the Council also operate a free cesspool emptying service.

During the year work commenced on the provision of additional sewerage and sewage disposal for the rapidly-expanding village of Romanby.

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following water closets were provided by way of conversions :—

Parish	No.
Ainderby Steeple	7
Appleton Wiske	3
Borrowby	4
East Cowton	3
East Harlsey	3
Morton-upon-Swale	3
Osmotherley	1
Nether Silton	1
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	1
Thornton-le-Beans	1
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Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the rural area to which the public have access. There are two private swimming pools : 1 at Osmotherley and 1 at Great Smeaton.

In conclusion, of this, my 30th Annual Report, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials ; also to acknowledge the loyal service of the outside manual staff who carry out their duties conscientiously with the minimum of supervision.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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